

**HOUSE BILL NO. 347**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act relating to the confidentiality of certain state records relating to animals; and**  
2    **providing for an effective date."**

3    **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4        **\* Section 1.** AS 03.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5                **Sec. 03.05.084. Confidentiality of certain information; exceptions. (a)**

6                Notwithstanding AS 03.05.010(a)(2), a record that includes information about an  
7                animal that is maintained by the Department of Environmental Conservation to carry  
8                out the requirements of this chapter, including a record of the sale, movement, unique  
9                identification number, or owner of an animal, is confidential and not subject to  
10              disclosure under AS 40.25.100 - 40.25.295 (Alaska Public Records Act) if the record

11                       (1) identifies a particular animal, breed of animal, business, or  
12              individual;

13                       (2) contains test results, or a record of test samples, for a particular  
14              animal; or

1                   (3) contains trade secrets or proprietary business or financial  
2 information.

3                   (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the Department of Environmental  
4 Conservation may disclose information from a record subject to this section to a state,  
5 federal, or local government or government agency, if the department determines that  
6 a threat to the health or safety of an animal or to the public exists and that disclosure  
7 of the information is necessary to address the threat.

8                   (c) If the Department of Environmental Conservation discloses information  
9 under (b) of this section, the department shall, upon request, disclose the information  
10 to the public, except for information that identifies a particular person or animal.

11       \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
12 read:

13               TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Environmental Conservation  
14 may adopt regulations necessary to implement this Act. The regulations take effect under  
15 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law  
16 implemented by the regulation.

17       \* **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).